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- 1. One incident related to the recent order suppressing the publication of military news, issued by the President's Canton Headquarters, was a "leak" of information regarding Pratae Island.
- This island, approximately 200 miles southeast of Hongkong, was taken over by the Japanese in 1939 and used as a meteorological station. The Chinese Government plan was to reclaim jurisdiction over the island, but it had not been publicly discussed because of the fear that the Philippine Government might also claim jurisdiction over it.
- 3. HDIAO Tzu-i (麻 次伊), Committee member of the Kwangtung Provincial Govermment, had been secretly appointed to take over administration of the island. A women reporter for the <u>Kuang Chou Jih Pao</u> in Canton, LI Ching (发生力), somehow obtained this information, and the item was published, indicating the intention of the Government to reclaim the island. This disclosure caused considerable concorn on the part of officials in Manking, and was probably one of the causal factors in the suppression order issued by the President's Canton Headquarters.

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